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Inventor: Koichi Ito et al ) PRELIMINARY  
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Vehicle Air Conditioner )  
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-identified application on its merits, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please add the following New Claim 13:

13. An air passage switching device according to claim 5, wherein said door plate supports said film member along a curved periphery, said openings having a curved periphery matching that of said film member.